

Minutes

Approved 2.10.2011

Fenwick Island Environment Committee

January 20, 2011

Attendees: *Environmental Committee Members John Belian, Vicki Carmean, Mary Ellen Langan & Richard Streett.*

1. Flag Salute: - led by John Belian

2. Minutes: August 10, 2010 approved; November 9, 2010 approved.

3. Old Business:

- **CoChairs** – Due to family illness, John Belian is unable to continue as a CoChair. Richard Streett volunteered to take his place.
- **Note taking** – Vicki Carmean will continue to do the minutes until someone else is available.
- **Review of Goals & Objectives** – A draft copy of the FI Planning Commission's proposed "Ongoing and Short Term Projects" was made available to members. EC members are asked to look this over before revising the committee's own goals and objectives at the February meeting. The Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting to review their proposals on Friday, January 21 at 2:30 PM for interested members of the public. *
- **Meeting Dates** – The group will hold future meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 PM with the next meeting scheduled for February 10.
- **Water Reports** – The group agreed to proceed with website posting of the water report that Buzz Henifin has been making for more than six years. While the group tentatively agreed on including information about oxygen levels and water temperature, more discussions are needed with Mr. Henifin and Agnes D. to decide on the content and bar graph format. A link is also needed to DNREC's information on current water quality.
- **Future Programs** – Vicki Carmean reported that CNC Solar is interested in doing a public workshop on the installation of solar panels. Contact will be made by Ms. Carmean to arrange a summer workshop date with the company, possibly on a Saturday morning.

- **Tree City, USA** - Vicki Carmean reported that a tree survey has been completed by the State Forestry Service. A photocopy of the town's tree canopy was handed out. The Town has also taken steps to update its Tree City, USA status, which is important for any future tree grants.

4. New Business:

- **Wind Turbines and Wind Power** – In response to Richard Streett's query about these topics, the group discussed the Town's ordinances and the possibility of scheduling a speaker to provide an update on the State's plans for off-shore wind power.
- **Pretreating the Roads** – Richard Streett noted that Maryland had started using beet juice to pretreat the roads for icy conditions. He offered to look into finding more information about this.

5. Next Meeting: 2/10/2011 at 2:30 PM.

6. Adjournment: 3:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Carmean

**(At the Planning Commission's January 21st meeting, a subsequent meeting was scheduled for February 8 at 2:30 PM to review these projects with the FI EC.)*